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WE this day receive the confirmation of the advice we told you our Letters from *Marſeilles* of the 10 inſtant brought us, of the burning in the Port of *Tripoly* of four Men of War belonging to thoſe *Corſairs*, by Sir *John Narborough*, Admiral of His Majeſties Fleet in the *Mediterranean*, by Letters from himſelf dated the 20 of *Fannary* laſt, off of *Maltha*, which having been written in haſte, as he was in the farther proſecution of his deſign againſt thoſe *Corſairs*, give only this ſhort account, as follows:

THeſe are to let you know, That on the 14 *inſtant in the Night, I burnt four of the* Tripoline *ſhips of War of conſiderable force, viz.* the white crowned Eagle *mounted with* 50 *Guns*, the Looking-glaſs *with* 36, the Sancta Claria *with* 24, *and* the French Petach *with* 20, *as they lay under the Caſtle and Walls of* Tripoly, *being all that were in Port. It was done by a ſurprize by our Boats, commanded in chief by my Lieutenant* Cloudiſly Shouele; *he took the Enemies Guard Boat, and in it one* Turk *and one* Moor, *the reſt having been killed; I bleſs God I did not loſe one man in the action; I am now off of* Maltha, *and am ſtanding again over for* Tripoly, *and doubt not but by the help of God to deſtroy more of thoſe* Corſairs; *I have with me the* Hentietta, Portſmouth, *and two Fireſhips, which I met with here. This I write in haſte, but by the next will give you an account at large.*

Argiers, Febr. 22. This Government continues firm in its reſolution to maintain the Peace and Friendſhip it hath with the *Engliſh*, inviolable; and as well the Dey as Bobba Hoſſan the General and Governor (who is in great eſteem and authority here) have publickly declared, That whoever of their Officers acts contrary thereunto, ſhall be puniſhed with the utmoſt ſeverity: and upon the complaint that hath been made, that an *Engliſh* Merchant ſhip being Chaſed by one of theſe Men of War, the *Engliſh* ſuppoſing him a *Sally* Man, ran their Veſſel aſhore, and left her; and that thereupon the *Algerines* took poſſeſſion of her, and carried her to *Tetuan*, where the Captain ſold her, the Dey and Governor have ſworn to cut off the head of the Captain, ſo ſoon as they can catch him, and in the mean time have diſpatched their Letters to the Governor of *Tetuan*, to ſeize the money, the Ship and Goods were ſold for there, in order to reſtore it to the Maſter of the *Engliſh* Veſſel, who attends here for that purpoſe. The Captain who ſome months ſince took out of two *Engliſh* Veſſels in the Channel, ſome *Turkiſh* Paſſengers, will likewiſe be ſeverely puniſhed. Theſe Men of War have lately brought in ſeveral Prizes, *viz.*, a *Dutch* Merchant ſhip of 300 Tuns, laden with Rice and Currants from *Venice*, five *Portugueſes*, two laden with Sugar, Tobacco and Cocao, one from *Fial* with ſeveral *Brazile* Goods, one from *Tercetra*, in which was the Governor of that Iſland going home for *Lisbon*, and the fifth from *Brazile* with divers rich Goods, and a Man of War of *Majorca*. The *Golden Horſe*, a brave new ſhip, and five of theſe Men of War more commanded by the Deys ſon, who was made Admiral at his going out, met ſome time ſince with one *Portugueſe* Man of War, with whom they had a very ſharp Rencounter, inſomuch that about 400 Turks and Moors were killed; and upon his return home, the Dey being diſſatisfied with his carriage in that action, took the Flag from him, and gave it to *Aly Rais Canary*, formerly Admiral.

Legorn, March 7. This day arrived a Veſſel in ten dayes from *Meſſina*; the Maſter tells us, That upon his coming from thence, News was brought thither, that Sir *John Narborough*, who commands a Squadron of *Engliſh* Men of War in theſe Seas, had burnt in the Port of *Tripoly* four Men of War belonging to thoſe *Corſairs*, which was all that were then in Port; That Sir *John Narborough* was returned to *Maltha*, to take with him ſuch of his Squadron that ſhould happen to be there, and to go in ſearch of the *Tripolins*, which are ſailed towards *Alexandria*: the Maſter adds, That Lieutenant Admiral *de Ruyter* was arrived at *Melazzo*, but that the *French* Fleet being much ſtronger than he, it was believed he would not make any attempt upon the Enemy, till the ſhips he expected from *Holland* for his reinforcement, were joined with him; That in the mean time, the Viceroy of *Sicily* made preparations to attack *Meſſina* on the ſide of the Land.

Copenhagen, March 14. The King intends to go and encamp with his Army at *Elſeneur*, ſo ſoon as the ſeaſon will permit, and in the mean time the ground has been deſigned, and ſeveral Troops have been ſent thither to work for the making an intrenchment round it. His Majeſty has conferred the command of Mareſchal de Camp General, on the Prince *Adolphus*, Duke of *Holſtein Ploen*, which was poſſeſſed lately by the Count of *Scaak* deceaſed. The contrary winds have been the cauſe that the Squadron of Men of War which lies ready to put to Sea, is not yet ſailed; they have orders to Cruiſe in the Baltick, to hinder the *Suedes* from ſending any ſuccors to *Pomeren*, as we are told they intend to do, ſo ſoon as their Ports are open, which are now ſhut up with the Ice.

Straburgh, March 16. Yeſterday and this day we have advice, That the *French* Troops which are quartered in *Burgundy*, *Lorrain*, and the *Upper Alſatia*, begin to move, and that their deſign is to form forthwith a flying Camp near *Haguenaw*, to obſerve the *Imperialiſts*, who aſſemble at *Lauterburgh*, and ſeem to have an eye upon *Philipsburgh*; and we are aſſured, that ſo ſoon as their Cavalry can ſubſiſt in the field, that the *French* Army will march towards the *Rhine*, and that in the interim the Mareſchal *de Montmorency*, who is to command it, is daily expected in *Lorrain*. From *Baſle* they write, That the *French* Troops which are lodged in the Baillages of *Thannes*, *Altkirck*, *Ferette*, &c. have orders to march towards *Briſac*. The Bridge of Boats which the *Imperialiſts* had cauſed to be made at *Wolfach*, hath been brought into the *Rhine*, and is to be carried down towards *Philipsburgh*, towards which place as well the Troops of the Emperor as the Empire, which were quartered in our Neighborhood, are marched, in

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